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"AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE."

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
- 2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Section 9-175 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 5 (a) The electors in the several towns in the state, at the state election
 - in 1964, and quadrennially thereafter, shall elect electors of President
- 7 and Vice President of the United States, not exceeding in number the
- 8 whole number of senators and representatives to which the state is
- 9 then entitled in the Congress of the United States. Voting shall be
- 10 conducted and the result declared, and the returns thereof made, as is
- provided in respect to state elections. The Secretary of the State shall, on or before the first Monday of October of the year in which such
- on or before the first Monday of October of the year in which such
- presidential electors are to be elected, transmit blank forms to the
- several town clerks for the return of the votes; and the lists and returns

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of the votes shall be made out, certified and directed according to such forms. When an election is to be held for the choice of presidential electors [, if] and any political party has nominated candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, [and presidential electors to vote for such presidential and vice presidential candidates have been nominated by a political convention of such party in this state, such party in this state may, by a political convention of such party or in such other manner as entitles the names of [such] presidential electors to vote for such presidential and vice presidential candidates to be placed upon the official ballots to be used in such election, [the] nominate such electors, provided such party in this state shall nominate one elector for each congressional district in the state and two electors for the state at large. The Secretary of the State and any other official charged with the preparation of official ballots to be used in such election, in lieu of placing the names of such presidential electors on such official ballots, shall place on such official ballots a space with the words "Presidential electors for (here insert the last name of the candidate for President, the word 'and' and the last name of the candidate for Vice President)"; and a vote cast therefor shall be counted, and shall be in all respects effective, as a vote for [each of] (1) the presidential elector representing such candidates for President and Vice President for the respective congressional district, and (2) the presidential electors representing such candidates for [President and Vice President] the state at large.

(b) In the case of a write-in candidate for President of the United States, such candidate may register his candidacy with the Secretary of the State by submitting his name and the names of a vice presidential candidate and candidates for the office of elector in a number not exceeding the whole number of electors to which the state is then entitled, provided such candidate shall submit the names of one elector for each congressional district in the state and two electors for the state at large. Such registration shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, which form shall include a statement of consent to being a candidate by each proposed candidate for elector and by the

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candidate for Vice President. Such registration shall not include a 50 designation of political party. A candidate for President may register at any time after January first of the election year and not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day preceding the election at which the 53 offices of presidential elector and vice presidential elector are being contested. If a candidate has so registered, a vote may be cast by writein ballot for such candidate by writing in the last name of the 56 candidate for President and the last name of the candidate for Vice 57 President or only the last name of the candidate for President; such write-in ballot shall be counted, and shall be in all respects effective, as 59 a vote for [each of] (1) the presidential elector representing such 60 candidates for President and Vice President for the respective congressional district, and (2) the presidential electors representing 62 such candidates for [President and Vice President] the state at large. 63 No person nominated for the office of President, Vice President, or 64 presidential elector by a major or minor party or by nominating petition shall register as a write-in candidate for such office under the provisions of this section and any such registration of a write-in candidacy filed by such a person shall be void."

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | from passage | 9-175 |

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